

April 5, 2021

The Honorable Texas Representative Rhetta Bowers Room E2.906 P.O. Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768

Via electronic mail

RE: Commitment to Texas HB1260-Relating to a study on the feasibility of establishing a centralized homelessness crisis response data system.

Dear Representative Bowers,

Endeavors is a national faith-based nonprofit headquartered in San Antonio, Texas. Our organization has provided essential services to vulnerable populations in crisis for more than 50 years. We provide various programs and services supporting Veterans mental health and wellness, homelessness, children, migrants, families, and people struggling to overcome mental illness, disabilities, disasters, or emergencies.

Through our Community Based Services, we operate and manage various programs such as permanent supportive housing programs for homeless women with disabilities and their children, rapid-rehousing assistance to Youth and Young Adults, permanent supportive housing to individuals with mental illness, and Veteran housing programs throughout Texas.

Endeavors fully supports HB1260 and we understands the importance of establishing a centralized homelessness crisis response data system through which state agencies, local government entities, including law enforcement agencies, court systems, school districts, and emergency service providers, and other relevant persons are able to share and access information related to individuals who experience chronic homelessness in order to connect or refer those individuals to services, including affordable housing opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to serve the most vulnerable.

Sincerely,

Docusigned by:

Jon Allman

President & CEO